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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In December 2015 the Denturists Board reinstated the denturist credential of **Diana S. Shelby** (DN00000253), which was suspended in 2009 in connection with substandard patient care.

In January 2016 the Medical Commission modified an agreement with physician **Animesh Sahai** (MD00045559) to fine him \$2,500, and requires him to contract with a consultant to develop processes to comply with documentation and coding requirements. In 2012 Sahai was placed on probation for three years in connection with keeping substandard patient records.

In December 2015 the secretary of health denied a certified nursing assistant credential to **Marylou E. Cooper** (NC60510784). In 2014 she was convicted of assault — domestic violence. In 2015 she admitted taking methamphetamine and heroin.

Chelan County

In January 2016 the Hearing and Speech Board conditionally granted a speech language pathologist interim permit to **Garrett Daniel Mallicoat** (SI60603546) and ordered him to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2014 Mallicoat pleaded guilty in Missouri to possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia, and driving while intoxicated.

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Clark County

In January 2016 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **Merlin L. Fish** (PH00014978) with unprofessional conduct. Fish allegedly didn't comply with terms of probation, didn't reimburse the commission for \$1,000 in costs, and didn't provide proof of completing course work in pharmacy law and ethics.

In January 2016 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **David Michael Zinn** (NC60210377) with unprofessional conduct. Zinn was convicted of two felonies and three gross misdemeanors between 2013 and 2015.

King County

In January 2016 the Marriage and Family Therapist Program entered an agreement with marriage and family therapist **Terri A. McLennan** (LF00002144) under which her practice will be monitored and she must pay a \$3,500 fine. McLennan's care fell below the standard in treating two clients of the same family. She didn't conduct adequate assessments and caused role confusion.

In December 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Bao Hua Chen** to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Chen has no massage practitioner license, but provided massage treatment and inappropriately touched a client.

In January 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Renee Marie Hornbeck**, also known as Renee Marie Sweet (CO60498040).

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Susan L. Olsen** (RN00128323) that reinstates her credential and places her on probation for at least three years. Olsen's license had been suspended in April 2015. Olsen owned an adult family home where she didn't adequately manage patient medication regimens and didn't follow patient care plans. She left two patients in her car while she took a walk in a park. One patient fell asleep, couldn't be awakened and had to be taken to an emergency room. The state Department of Social and Health Services found Olsen abused and neglected vulnerable adults and won't allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In December 2015 the secretary of health denied a certified medical assistant credential to **Brittany Nichole Johnson** (CM60559992). On her application, Johnson indicated she was on a methadone maintenance program. Johnson didn't respond to a notice requiring her to undergo a substance use evaluation.

In January 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Anh Thi Hoang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Hoang allegedly owns a massage business, but the employees there do not have licenses.

In January 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Christine Christensen** of its intent to

issue a cease-and-desist order. Despite having no reflexology license, Christensen allegedly advertised a massage school and foot massage business, and admitted treating patients.

In January 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Mark Nabua** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Nabua allegedly has no reflexology license, but operated a business that advertised reflexology and employed unlicensed workers.

In January 2016 the Psychology Board charged psychologist **Sheila Adams Hart** (PY60001723) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say her practice involving clients in a divorce and child custody matter fell below the standard of care and ethical principles. She allegedly disclosed private communications, produced a report that lacked corroboration, reached conclusions based on insufficient information, didn't make mandatory reports, damaged the therapeutic relationship, and placed children at risk of harm.

In January 2016 the Nursing Commission filed a corrected statement of charges against registered nurse **Pamela Jean Dyer** (RN00057644) to correct the genders of a patient and spouse.

Kittitas County

In January 2016 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional trainee **Mary Ann Hubbard** (CO60462671) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Hubbard was convicted of five counts of forgery and three counts of identity theft.

Thurston County

In January 2016 the Pharmacy Commission ended the suspension of the pharmacist credential of **Joan M. Hart** (PH00011515) and ordered her to undergo a substance abuse evaluation. Hart's license was suspended in 2015 after she admitted diverting controlled substances from the pharmacy where she worked.

Whatcom County

In January 2016 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Ping Li** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Allegations say Li doesn't have a massage license, but operated a business that advertised massage and employed unlicensed workers.

Yakima County

In December 2015 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Song C. Yi** (DE00009414) with unprofessional conduct. Yi allegedly provided substandard care in diagnosis and treatment planning.

In August 2015 the secretary of health denied a certified nursing assistant credential to **Sheree Mae Ford** (NC60486455). Ford pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated four times between 2008 and 2012. She didn't comply with a requirement to undergo a substance use evaluation.

Out of State

Oregon: In November 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Hyoum M. Crowley** to cease and desist from practicing massage without a license, and pay a \$1,000 fine. In 2015 Crowley was convicted of practicing massage without a license.

Oregon: In January 2016 the Medical Commission charged physician **Kenneth F. Wenberg** (MD00025365) with unprofessional conduct. Wenberg allegedly hasn't complied with a 2010 agreement requiring him to submit proof of having completed continuing education.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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